

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric,  
comprising the steps of:

providing a fibrous matrix;

5 providing a support layer comprising a continuous filament support  
layer;

providing a foraminous surface;

juxtaposing said fibrous matrix and said support layer and applying  
hydraulic energy to entangle said fibrous matrix and said support layer into a  
10 precursor web; and

hydroentangling said precursor web on said foraminous surface to form  
a three-dimensionally imaged nonwoven fabric.

2. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric,  
comprising the steps of:

15 providing a fibrous matrix;

providing a support layer comprising a cast scrim;

providing a foraminous surface;

juxtaposing said fibrous matrix and said support layer and applying  
hydraulic energy to entangle said fibrous matrix and said support layer into a  
20 precursor web; and

hydroentangling said precursor web on said foraminous surface to form  
a three-dimensionally imaged nonwoven fabric.

3. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric as in  
claim 1, wherein said foraminous surface is a three-dimensional image transfer  
25 device.

4. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric in  
accordance with claim 1, wherein said fibrous matrix comprises staple length  
fibers.

5. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric in accordance with claim 1, wherein said fibrous matrix comprises substantially continuous filaments.

5 6. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric in accordance with claim 1, wherein said support layer is a spunbond fabric.

7. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric in accordance with claim 1, wherein said support layer is a spunbond fabric and cast scrim laminate.

10 8. A method of making a secondary carpet backing fabric, comprising the steps of:

providing a fibrous matrix;

providing a support layer comprising a continuous filament support layer;

carding said fibrous matrix;

15 cross-lapping said fibrous matrix to form a precursor web;

entangling said precursor web on a foraminous forming surface;

juxtaposing said support layer onto said precursor web;

20 providing a three-dimensional image transfer device comprising an imaging surface having an array of three-dimensional surface elements, said imaging surface being movable relative to at least one associated hydroentangling manifold; and

25 hydroentangling said precursor web on said imaging surface so that portions of said precursor web are displaced from on top of said three-dimensional surface elements to form an imaged and patterned nonwoven fabric.